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SUBJECT: CIVAIR--FUEL SHORTAGES--INTERNATIONAL AVIATION

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1. NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) INFORMS US THAT AVIATION FUEL SUPPLY SITUATION "TIGHT" AT BOTH TORONTO AND MONTREAL, BUT THAT NO REPEAT NO SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTAL ACTION CONSIDERED NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

2. NEB OFFICIAL NOTED THAT NO REPEAT NO STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO DATE WITH REGARD TO U.S. AIRLINES ENTERING CANADA AND "TOPPING UP," BUT IMPLIED THAT THIS SITUATION COULD BE DEPENDENT UPON ABILITY OF CANADIAN AIRLINES TO "TOP UP" IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, CANADIAN PACIFIC (CP) PROBLEMS
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WERE MENTIONED AT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

IN THE CASE OF ANCHORAGE, NO DETAILS WERE PROVIDED AND THE SITUATION WAS DESCRIBED AS "NOT TOO SEVERE." WITH REGARD TO SAN FRANCISCO, PROBLEM INVOLVES VANCOUVER-SAN FRANCISCO AND RETURN FLIGHTS. ACCORDING TO NEB OFFICIAL, INABILITY TO RE-FUEL IN SAN FRANCISCO PRECLUDES USE OF NEW AIRCRAFT PURCHASED BY CP FOR THAT RUN. HE ALLOWED HOWEVER THAT THE AIRCRAFT COULD PROBABLY BE PUT INTO SERVICE ELSEWHERE WITHIN CANADA. IN THE CASE OF HONOLULU, CRUNCH WILL COME IN THE NEW YEAR WHEN CP FLIGHTS TO CHINA ARE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE. THESE FLIGHTS WILL REQUIRE RE-FUELING BOTH WAYS AT HONOLULU.

4. NEB OFFICIAL CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT NON-SCHEDULED (CHARTER) FLIGHTS MIGHT BE MOST AFFECTED BY FUEL SHORTAGES. TO GIVE INDICATION OF MAGNITUDE, HE SAID THERE WERE 5,700 SUCH FLIGHTS LAST YEAR.
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